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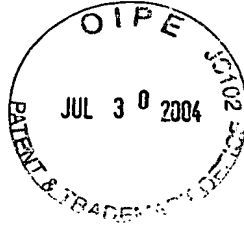
In re the Application of

Kenji HASHIMOTO et al.

Application No.: 09/623,023

Filed: October 20, 2000

For: FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEPARATOR FOR USE IN FUEL
CELL (as previously amended)



Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: S. N. Tsang Foster

Docket No.: 107016

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired May 2, 2004, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 156837 in the amount of \$950.00 in payment for:

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